

Khairy defends attacks on Guan Eng's son, calls critics hypocrites
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 18 — Khairy Jamaluddin suggested today there was nothing wrong with his remarks about allegations involving Lim Guan Eng's teenage son, and called his critics hypocrites for pointing out that he was perpetrating lies about a member of a political rival's family.

Earlier today, Lim said he was furious with the "barbaric lies" made about his teenage son by "pro-Umno ferocious beasts," singling out Khairy and other ruling party leaders for perpetuating the allegations through snide comments on blogs and social media sites.

Khairy tweeted today that BN politicians and their families had been on the receiving end of even worse insults from the Opposition in the past. — file pic
Responding via his Twitter account to the criticisms, the Umno Youth chief said Barisan Nasional (BN) politicians and their families had been on the receiving end of even worse insults from the Opposition in the past.

The Umno Youth chief slammed Penang DAP member Satees Muniandy for being "hypocritical" when the latter raised the issue on the microblogging site.

"Bro, what BN leaders & their families get from opposition is far worse. Don't be hypocritical," Khairy wrote, using his Twitter handle @Khairykj.

Satees, writing under @sateesdapsygp, had earlier said, "U jz hv 2 wait! I wnt 2 see wat is ur reaction wen ur Puma & Cougar grown up & treated wt such lies & slanders! (sic)".

"Puma & Cougar" are Khairy's nicknames for his two sons.

"Are u justifying & defending Pro UMNO Bloggers cheap acts? I am not surprised as you also joined hand wt them! Gutter Politics!" Satees countered.

He then asked Khairy if DAP members had ever "stooped that low" as to attack the conduct of Umno ministers' families or the latter's kin, apart from his father-in-law, former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"All the time bro. Get real. Don't be hypocritical," Khairy replied.

Lim, who is Penang chief minister and DAP secretary-general, had slammed Khairy today for posting snide comments on his Twitter page when responding to allegations made against his son.

Khairy had written yesterday, "Mungkin dia roboh Kampung Buah Pala sebab nak ganti dengan Kampung Buah Dada" in response to another tweet by pro-Umno blogger "@PapaGomo". [English translation: Maybe he destroyed Kampung Buah Pala because he wants to replace it with Kampung Buah Dada].

The allegations, which first surfaced on pro-Umno blogs, centre on Guan Eng's 16-year-old son's alleged conduct in school and the youth's attempted use of his father's name and

position to escape punishment.

The blogs also alleged the chief minister had then transferred his son to a different school and paid RM200,000 to keep the scandal out of the media.

Despite earning flak from his Twitter followers for his remarks, Khairy continued to defend himself and told another Penang DAP leader, Bukit Bendera MP Liew Chin Tong, to "get off your high horse".

Another Twitter user, @whackalibabas, called Khairy a "despicable human" and reminded the Rembau MP that "God is watching" him.

To those who backed him, Khairy said, "Don't bother. Clearly different standards for oppo leaders. BN leader & families are fair game."

DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, who is also Guan Eng's father, stepped into the fray with a series of posts on his Twitter page condemning the allegations against his grandson.

"How PM/DPM feel if their children/grandchildren victims of such despicable/contemptible gutter attack built on lies?"

"Will Najib/M'ddin condemn such despicable attack on innocent children by Umno cybertroopers? Is this Najib's "political transformation"?"

"Confessed v sad/down/disheartened last 2 days unable 2protect my grandkids from such heartless cruelty/viciousness.Najib/Mddin condone them?" he wrote.

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